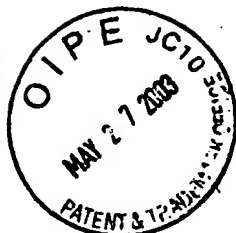


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated 04/18/2003.

Please replace claims 1, 13, 35, 36, 37, and 38 with the following:

1. (four times amended) A fiber reinforced composite article comprising a matrix and reinforcing fibers wherein:

the article comprises a plurality of discrete regions each extending completely through the matrix of the article;

a first region of the plurality of regions of the article during operation use subjected to a first temperature and a first stress, and including first fibers having a first strength greater than the first stress; and,

a second region of the plurality of regions of the article during operation use subjected to a second temperature less than the first temperature and a second stress

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